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Da'wah in the West

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All praise is due to Allah, and may Salah and Salam be upon the Messenger of Allah, to proceed:

Know, my Muslim brother, that from the principles of the religion of Islam is disbelieving in the *Taghut*, and this is half of *tawheed*; its other half being belief in Allah, as Allah the Most High says:

...فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنِ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا...

...Whoever disbelieves in *Taghut* and believes in Allah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break... [al-Baqarah 2:256]

And He said:

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ...

And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): "Worship Allah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) *Taghut* (all false deities, etc.i. e. do not worship *Taghut* besides Allah)."... [an-Nahl 16:36]

And from disbelief in the *Taghut* is: declaring (ones) disavowal from *Kufr* and its people, and hating them, and having enmity towards them, as Allah the Most High says:

قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ إِذْ قَالُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ إِنَّا بُرَاءُ مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّىٰ تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَحْدَهُ...

Indeed there has been an excellent example for you in Ibrahim (Abraham) and those with him, when they said to their people: "Verily, we are free from you and whatever you worship besides Allah, we have rejected you, and there has started between us and you, hostility and hatred for ever, until you believe in Allah Alone,"... [al-Mumtahinah 60:4]

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah said:

For Allah has ordered us to follow in the way of Ibrahim and those who were with him, as they declared *Bara'ah* (innocence, disavowal) from the *Mushrikeen* and what they worship besides Allah, and *al-Khalil* (Ibrahim) said: "I am free from what you worship, except the One who created me. Indeed He shall guide me," and having *Bara'ah* is opposite of allegiance, and the foundation of *Bara'ah* is hatred, and the foundation of allegiance is love, and this is because the reality of *tawheed* is to not love except Allah, and to love what Allah loves, thus he doesn't love except for Allah, and does not hate except for Allah.

Many of the Muslims have been tested by living in the lands of the *Kaafirun* (disbelievers), for various reasons; however the *hukm* (Islamic ruling) upon living in the lands of the *Kuffar* has various details which the people of knowledge have mentioned, generally compromising three categories;

The First Category: If the Muslim is capable of openly declaring his religion, as well as declaring publicly his disbelief and rejection of the *Taghut*, then it is permissible for him to reside there, and if he is a public caller (*daa'i*) to Allah whilst living between *Kuffar*, then it may even be praiseworthy and recommended for him to reside there, and this was the condition of the Prophets when they lived amongst their people.

The Second Category: If he is unable to openly declare his religion, and is able to migrate to a land where he can openly declare his religion in it, then it becomes obligatory to do so.

The Third Category: If he is unable to openly declare his religion, and is unable to migrate, then he is from the weak excused ones, but he must refrain from interacting with the *Kuffar* and mixing with them as much as possible. And, all this has been explained elsewhere.

For this reason, it is obligatory upon those Muslims who reside in the land of the *Kuffar* (*Dar al-Kufr*) to actualise the *Millah* of Ibrahim (عليه السلام) by declaring *Bara'ah* from the *Kuffar* and their religion, and to openly show them hatred and enmity. However, I wish to make two issues related to this matter clear;

The First Issue: Actualising the *Millah* of Ibrahim does not mean leaving calling the *Kuffar* to Islam in a nice manner, for the Messenger (ﷺ) was open to the *Kuffar* from his people in his declaration of their *Kufr*, and his enmity and hatred towards them, and this did not prevent him (ﷺ) from calling them to Islam by softness, mildness, and with good reminders. In this matter two types of people have fallen into misguidance,

1. Those who see nothing except softness in calling people to Islam, so he left openly showing enmity and hatred to the disbelievers, and thus fell into having allegiance (towards them).
2. Those who see nothing but hatred and enmity towards them, so they ignore inviting them to Islam by mildness.

The Second Issue: The actualisation of the *Millah* of Ibrahim does not mean being treacherous to the *Kuffar* or cheating them or their wealth if they give a contract of passage (or safety) to the Muslim, for the Muslim, if he is granted a contract of protection and passage by way of an agreed upon contract with the *kaafir*, even if only by way of custom, then it becomes prohibited on him to be treacherous or deceive them.

I ask Allah, the Glorified the Most High to forgive the ones who wrote, translated, published and read it from amongst the Muslims, and I ask Him the Glorified to help us all to that which He loves and is pleased with, and to grant us sincerity, and to accept from our actions, and to keep us firm until we meet Him, and may *Salah* and *Salam* be upon our Messenger Muhammad, and upon his family and Companions.

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